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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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**P**riod for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE Three MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/10/01

This action is **FINAL**.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

Claim(s) 25-36 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above claim(s) 36 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) 25-35 is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 25-35 is/are rejected.

Claim(s)  is/are objected to.

Claim(s)  are subject to restriction or election requirement

**Application Papers**

The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is  approved  disapproved.

The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Pri**ority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).

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Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received  
in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

**Atta**chment(s)

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 2  Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892  Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Action Summary**

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

1. Claims 25-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, last line, no express antecedent basis exists for the “carbonate and ester units”.

***Claim Objections***

2. Claims 25-35 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

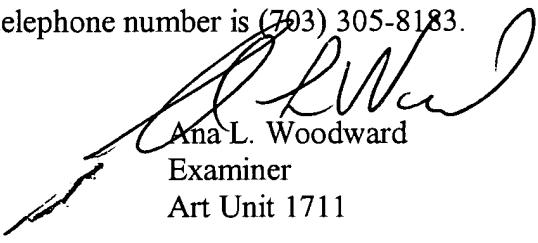
3. Claim 36 is allowed. The prior art of record neither anticipates nor renders obvious the preparation of a hydroxy-terminated polyethersulfone which comprises polymerizing the polyethersulfone in the presence of a polycarbonate followed by contacting with aqueous sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide to hydrolyze the carbonate units. The present application is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/458,820, previously found allowed.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ana L. Woodward whose telephone number is (703) 308-2401. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James J. Seidleck can be reached on (703) 308-2462. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-8183.



Ana L. Woodward  
Examiner  
Art Unit 1711

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